

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

No amendments have been made to the claims. The claims have simply been presented in this amendment for convenience.

**Rejection of claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) – Tsuji**

At page 2, item 3, of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Tsuji (U.S. Patent No. 6,906,794 B2). The Examiner asserts that Tsuji describes every feature of the claimed invention, including features of edge detection, a point indication section, and edge extraction on the periphery of a selected point. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

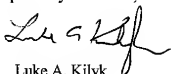
Tsuji has a U.S. filing date of May 15, 2003. Tsuji is not entitled to its PCT filing date as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) because the PCT application was not published in English. The present application has a filing date of November 26, 2003, and made a claim under 35 U.S.C. §119 to a Japanese priority date of November 28, 2002. The claims as pending in the present application are fully supported in the Japanese priority document. This is further shown in the attached certified English translation of the Japanese priority document. Thus, the claims of the present application are entitled to a filing date of November 28, 2002, which is before the U.S. filing date of May 15, 2003 of Tsuji. Therefore, Tsuji is not prior art to the present invention and this rejection should be withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks, the applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0925. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Kilyk", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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